

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7-18, 21-26, 29-35 and 38-42 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 7-9, 13-15, 17, 21-23, 25, 29, 31, 34 and 38-40 are amended, and Claims 5-6, 19-20, 27-28 and 36-37 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the changes to the claims is found in the original claims. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-5, 9-11, 13, 16-19, 21, 24-27, 29-30, 38-39 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. 5,974,262 (Fuller) in view of U.S. 2003/0182123 (Mitsuyoshi); Claims 6, 12, 20, 28 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Fuller and Mitsuyoshi in view of U.S. 7,360,151 (Froloff); and Claims 8, 14-15, 22-23, 31-32 and 40-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Fuller and Mitsuyoshi in view of U.S. 2002/0198717 (Oudeyer).

A personal interview was conducted with Examiner Abebe on December 17, 2009, to discuss the amendments made to the claims as submitted herewith and the art of record. In particular, the features of word extraction and information generation, including sentences having extracted words, were discussed. Agreement to the claims was reached as to incorporating Claim 6 into Claim 1, with similar amendments made to the other independent claims and their corresponding dependent claims.

The Examiner indicated that upon filing a formal response incorporating the amendment to the claims submitted herewith and noted above, further consideration and/or search would be given. The Examiner indicated that it did not appear the above-noted features were reasonably disclosed or suggested in the art of record. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted the outstanding rejections should be withdrawn.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted there are no other pending issues remaining in this application. Should the Examiner disagree, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any remaining issues. Otherwise, it is respectfully submitted this application is in condition for allowance, and timely action to that effect is respectfully requested.

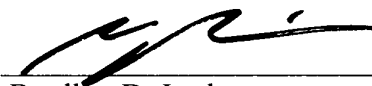
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